

**GOODMAN INDUSTRIAL EQUITIES  
MANAGEMENT GROUP, L.L.C.**  
*Real Estate Management & Development*

January 3, 2002

Rebecca Hesse  
Trial Attorney  
Antitrust Division  
Department of Justice  
601 D Street NW, Suite 1200  
Washington, Dc 20530

Dear Attorney Hesse:

I would like to add my voice to those who have called for an end to the federal government's case against Microsoft. The case has gone too far and too long. I support the settlement agreement reached as a means to end this regrettable action as soon as possible.

Many small business people such as myself feel that Microsoft and its products have brought real benefit to individual businesses and to the economy as a whole. And as one who must perform competitors daily, I have little sympathy for the "aggrieved" competition. They have every opportunity to succeed if they sell quality products.

Although I am no expert in antitrust law, I can't believe it was written to allow government regulators to pick one company over another in a competitive market, or to stymie the forces of innovation.

Let's get the businesses back to business, and settle the case. We will all be better off for it.

Sincerely,



Steve Friedman

133 Pearl Street Suite 400  
Boston MA 02110  
(617) 292 0101 tel  
(617) 292 0130 fax